

REMARKS

Claims 57-70 are now pending; claims 1-56 have been canceled.

In the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004, previously-pending claims 1-56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,819,238, to Fernholz, U.S. Pat. No. 5,812,987, to Luskin et al., and U.S. Pat. No. 5,761,442, to Barr et al.


Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is improper, for a number of reasons (e.g., no teaching or motivation to combine the references, not clear that references are analogous art, claims not addressed separately, references don't appear to disclose the elements for which they are cited, etc.), but since claims 1-56 have been canceled, the rejection is now deemed moot.

Pending claims 57-70 are believed to be allowable, and prompt allowance will be appreciated.

No fee is believed to be due with this submission. If any fees are required, please charge such fees to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP's Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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